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49/65. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1993, 1/

Noting the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 17 October 1994, 2/ in which he provided additional information on the main developments in the activities of the Agency during 1994,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency in promoting the further application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute and in accordance with the inalienable right of States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 3/ and other relevant

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1/ International Atomic Energy Agency, The Annual Report for 1993 (Austria, July 1994) (GC(XXXVIII)/2 and Corr.1); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/49/297 and Corr.1).

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Plenary Meetings, 33rd meeting, and corrigendum.

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 729, No. 10485.

internationally legally binding agreements that have concluded relevant safeguards agreements with the Agency to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II of the Treaty, other relevant articles and with the object and purposes of the Treaty,

Also recognizing the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance from the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of the safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

Further recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, applications of nuclear methods and techniques, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in all these fields,

Again stressing the need for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear plants so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

Noting from the Director General's statement that the Agency is now in a position to implement its ongoing monitoring and verification plan in Iraq,

Taking note of resolutions GOV/2711 of 21 March 1994 and GOV/2742 of 10 June 1994 of the Board of Governors and GC(XXXVIII)/RES/16 of 23 September 1994 of the General Conference of the Agency 4/in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 5/ as well as the statements of the President of the Security Council of 31 March, 30 May and 4 November 1994; 6/ expressing its grave concern that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has failed to discharge its safeguards obligations; and supporting all efforts, including ongoing bilateral discussions, which can contribute to the full implementation by the Democratic People's Republic of its safeguards agreement,

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4/ International Atomic Energy Agency, Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Thirty-eighth Regular Session, 19-23 September 1994 (CG(XXXVIII)/RES/DEC(1994).

5/ INFCIRC/403.

6/ S/PRST/1994/13, 28 and 64, respectively.

Bearing in mind resolutions GC(XXXVIII)/RES/6 on measures to resolve international radioactive waste management issues, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/7 on a plan for producing potable water economically, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/8 on the strengthening of the Agency's technical cooperation activities, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/10 on strengthening the effectiveness and improving the efficiency of the safeguards system, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/15 on measures against the illicit trafficking in nuclear material, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/16 on the implementation of the agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/17 on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone, GC(XXXVIII)/RES/19 on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 687 (1991), 707 (1991) and 715 (1991) relating to Iraq and GC(XXXVIII)/RES/21 on the application of Agency safeguards in the Middle East, adopted on 23 September 1994 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-eighth regular session, 4/

Taking note also of resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/14 on the amendment of article VI of the statute relating to the membership of the Board of Governors of the Agency, 4/

Welcoming resolution GC(XXXVIII)/RES/18 of the General Conference of the Agency inviting South Africa to resume participation in all activities of the Agency, 4/

Noting the adoption on 17 June 1994 and the opening for signature of the Convention on Nuclear Safety at the Agency headquarters at Vienna, 7/

1. Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. Affirms its confidence in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. Urges all States to strive for effective and harmonious international cooperation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute; in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to life, health and the environment; in strengthening technical assistance and cooperation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the safeguards systems of the Agency;

4. Welcomes the measures and decisions taken by the Agency to strengthen the safeguards system;

5. Welcomes also the measures and decisions taken by the Agency to strengthen its technical assistance and cooperation activities;

7/ INFCIRC/449.

6. Commends the Director General and the secretariat of the Agency for their impartial efforts to implement the safeguards agreement still in force between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to cooperate without further delay with the Agency in the full implementation of the safeguards agreement and to allow the Agency to have access to all safeguards-relevant information and locations;

7. Also commends the Director General of the Agency and his staff for their strenuous efforts in the implementation of Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April, 707 (1991) of 15 August and 715 (1991) of 11 October 1991, and stresses the need for Iraq to continue its cooperation with the Agency in achieving the complete and long-term implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions;

8. Calls upon all States to take all necessary measures to prevent illicit trafficking in nuclear material, and welcomes the initiatives taken by the Agency to intensify international cooperation efforts in this respect;

9. Appeals to all States to become parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the Agency the records of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly relating to the activities of the Agency.

90th plenary meeting
15 December 1994